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In application of

Len Albert Bayles

Application No. 10/016,498

Filed: November 1, 2001

For: **REGISTRY-INTEGRATED INTERNET
DOMAIN NAME ACQUISITION SYSTEM**

Date: August 4, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2152

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- ☒ Renewed Petition to Make Special for Pending Application Under 37 CFR § 1.102, MPEP § 708.02 VIII
- ☒ Attachment to Renewed Petition to Make Special Discussing Search References
- ☒ Attachment providing copies of International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report for corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/US01/48054
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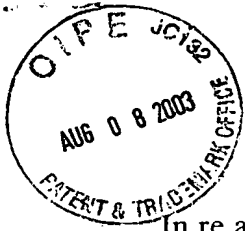
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**RENEWED PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR PENDING APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102, MPEP § 708.02 VIII**

1. Petition

Applicant hereby renews his prior petition, submitted May 31, 2002, to make special the above-referenced pending application, which has not received examination.

2. Search

A careful and thorough search of the prior art has been made by:

- (a) the inventor(s)
- (b) attorney
- (c) professional searcher
- (d) ☒ foreign patent office/international search authority

in the following:

(complete all applicable items below)

- (e) ☒ field of search: class 707, subclasses 3, 100, and 104 and class 709, subclasses 223, 224, 226 and 245.
- (f) ☒ publications: Electronic data base consulted during international search: "USPAT"
- (g) foreign patents:
- (h) search by corresponding foreign patent office or at the former

International Patent Institute at The Hague, Netherlands.

3. Copy of references already of record

Each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims are already of record in the present case. Accordingly, copies of the references are not being transmitted herewith.

4. Detailed Discussion of references

Attached is an International Search Report and an International Preliminary Examination Report for International Patent Application No. PCT/US01/48054, which presented identical claims.

Also attached is a detailed discussion of the references identified in the above-described search, which points out, with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

5. Claims

Check and complete all applicable items (a) through (c).

(a) X All the claims in this case are directed to a single invention.

(b) X If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

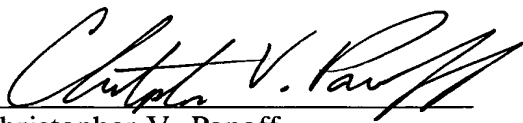
(c) If claim(s) _____ are found not to be examinable in this case with claim(s) _____, applicant hereby elects claim(s) _____ for the prosecution of this case.

6. **Fee** The \$130.00 fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(h) has already been paid by Applicant accompanying the original May 31, 2002 petition. Applicant's renewed petition corrects procedural deficiencies in the original petition, thus no new fee is believed due.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account
No. 19-4455 for any deficiency.
A duplicate of this petition is attached.

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**ATTACHMENT TO RENEWED PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL DISCUSSING
SEARCH REFERENCES**

1. Prior art references identified by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as the International Search Authority ("ISA") and International Preliminary Examination Authority ("IPEA") for International Patent Application No. PCT/US01/48054, referenced in the accompanying petition.

- a) U.S. Patent No. 6,298,341 of Mann et al, issued Oct.2, 2001 ("Mann").
- b) U.S. Patent No. 5,999,915 of Nahan et al., issued December 7, 1999 ("Nahan").
- c) U.S. Patent No. 6,249,767 of Okayama et al., issued June 19, 2001

("Okayama").

2. Detailed discussion of the above-listed prior art, including statements regarding patentability of the presently claimed subject matter over the prior art references.

The International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER") prepared by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as the IPEA indicated that claims 1-10 present novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability over the prior art references listed above, which were identified in the Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PCT") International Search Report. The IPER provided as follows:

Claims 1-10 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a domain name acquisition system having the steps of receiving from a registry system a pending delete notification for the desired domain name, correlating the pending delete notification with requests from acquisition database, and to request acquisition of the desired domain name.

IPER, Form PCT/IPEA/409, Box V. While the criteria for assessing patentability in the U.S. vary slightly from those used for international patent applications, Applicant asserts that an assessment of patentability over the above-listed prior art references also applies to the same subject matter claimed in the U.S. patent application.

Claims 1-10 are presently pending. Of those, claims 1, 4, 6, and 9 are in independent form. The claimed subject matter includes systems and methods for requesting and pursuing a subsequent registration of a domain name, which is *currently unavailable for registration*, before a prior registration is deleted from the domain name registry. For example, claim 1 sets forth a “domain name registry system” that includes “an acquisition engine to receive from the registry management system a pending delete notification, the pending delete notification preceding the public delete notification...” Similarly, claim 9 presents an “integrated domain name acquisition system” that includes “an acquisition engine integrated with a registry system to receive from the registry system a pending delete notification for the domain name, the pending delete notification preceding a public delete notification....”

Claim 6 presents subject matter directed to a “method for acquiring a deleting domain name” that includes the step of “receiving from a registry a pending delete notification for the desired domain name, the pending delete notification preceding a public delete notification...” Claim 9 is directed to a “method for domain name acquisition” that includes the step of “receiving from a registry system a pending delete notification for the desired domain name, the pending delete notification being received before the registry system purges the desired domain name....”

The claimed systems and methods of independent claims 1, 4, 6, and 9 each include novel subject matter incorporating a “pending delete notification” *before* the domain name is available to the general public for registration. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 10 also include this limitation by nature of their dependency from the independent base claims. Incorporation of the pending delete notification in the context of the domain name registry (or registry-integrated) systems and methods of the present claims illustrates patentable subject matter over the prior art references identified above.

For example, the Mann reference is directed to “new and improved systems and methods for generating and facilitating registration of available domain names.” Col. 2, ll.

40-42. It is meant to provide a “convenient and efficient way for content providers to select, buy, and/or register domain names that best suit their purposes.” Col. 2, ll. 18-20. Mann discloses a system “to receive at least one root term from the user system, to concatenate at least one root term with at least one adjunct term to generate at least one candidate domain name, to query a data source to determine if the candidate domain name(s) is available for registration and/or transfer, and to notify the user system of the candidate domain name(s) when the same are available for registration and/or transfer.” Col. 2, ll. 48-55. Mann addresses identification and registration of domain names that are *presently available* for registration or transfer. Mann does not disclose a system or method that includes receiving a “pending delete notification” for a presently registered (and thus *presently unregistrable*) *specific domain name* before the domain name is available to the public for subsequent registration. Mann only discloses checking the availability of the “candidate domain name” that is generated by concatenating the “at least one root term from the user system” with the “at least one adjunct term” previously stored. The subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the disclosure in Mann, which is directed to a completely different type of domain name system.

The Nahan reference is directed to a “computerized system...for the marketing, selection, purchase, and sale of unique, high monetary value characteristic products...”, which system “is preferably used for the purchase and sale of art by dealers in the art industry....” Col. 2, ll. 40-48. Although the system disclosed in Nahan was described as being “readily adaptable for use with other product categories with similar characteristics such as antiques, jewelry, oriental rugs, numismatics, philately, and others,” it does not disclose a system applicable for domain names as presently claimed. Col. 2, ll. 48-50. Nahan provides an attempt to afford art dealers “the opportunity to sell their inventory throughout the world.” Col. 2, ll. 59-60. It addresses sales of artwork that is *presently available* from the dealers. Although Nahan discloses the ability for “a sales person to reserve [a work of art] throughout the entire dealer network for a limited period” that ability is still only available for artwork that is part of the inventory *presently available* to members of the public who “review artwork the gallery has to offer.” Col. 3, ll. 33-62. Such a system does not anticipate, or render obvious to those skilled in the relevant art, the presently claimed subject matter related to receiving “a pending delete notification” *before the domain name is available to the public for acquisition*.

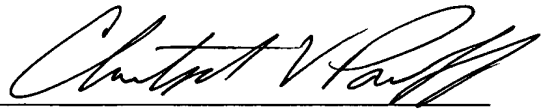
Finally, the Okayama reference also fails to disclose subject matter that would either anticipate or render obvious the present claims. The Okayama reference is entitled "Portable Information Terminal Surrounding Formation of an Optimum Plan." Okayama does not address systems for registration of domain names. Rather, Okayama is directed to use by a consumer of a "portable information terminal," for implementation in a system "to provide a status adapted planning support system." Col. 1, ll. 31-54. Okayama fails to anticipate the presently claimed subject matter, which includes receipt of a "pending delete notification" for a desired domain name. Based on its subject matter, the Okayama disclosure, alone or in combination with the other identified prior art references, would not render it obvious to one skilled in the art of domain name registrations to implement either an acquisition engine "to receive...a pending delete notification" (as in claims 1 and 4), or the step of "receiving...a pending delete notification" (as in claims 6 and 9) in a domain name registry or registry-integrated system or method.

3. Conclusion

As shown and described above, claims 1, 4, 6 and 9 of the present application claim subject matter that is patentable over the prior art references listed above. Similarly, dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 10, each of which include all limitations of their respective base claim(s), also present patentable subject matter over the prior art references listed above. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the accompanying petition to accelerate examination of the present application is granted.

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of Mailing
(day/month/year)

16 APR 2002

Applicant's or agent's file reference
10720/4:1

FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.
PCT/US01/48054International filing date
(day/month/year)

01 November 2001 (01.11.2001)

Applicant
SNAPNAMES.COM, INC.

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.
Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompany sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.
3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:
- ☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- ☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau.
If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in rules 90 bis 1 and 90 bis 3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 10720/4:1	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US01/48054	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 01 November 2001 (01.11.2001)	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 01 November 2000 (01.11.2000)
Applicant SNAPNAMES.COM, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:



contained in the international application in written form.



filed together with the international application in computer readable form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.



the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1



as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.



None of the figures

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

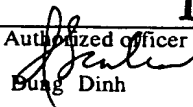
NEW ABSTRACT

A preferred embodiment of the present invention integrates a domain name monitoring and acquisition service (116, 118) with a registry system (110, 112). The monitoring and acquisition service can receive a request from a registrar (100) to acquire a domain name. The monitoring and acquisition service also can receive a pending delete notification from the registry for a domain name having a registration that is about to be deleted. The pending delete notification can be received before the registry issues a public delete notification or purges the domain name, at which point the domain name is registrable by the first-responding registrar. If the domain name that is the subject of the pending delete notification has a corresponding acquisition request received by the monitoring and acquisition service, the monitoring and acquisition service can request acquisition of the domain name for the requesting registrar.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US01/48054

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC(7) : G06F 17/30 US CL : 707/3; 709/224, 245 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S. : 707/3, 100, 104; 709/223, 224, 226, 245 Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) USPAT		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y,P	US 6,298,341 B1 (MANN et al.) 02 October 2001 (02.10.2001) abstract	1-10
Y	US 5,999,915 A (NAHAN et al.) 07 December 1999 (07.12.1999) see col.11 lines 20-41.	1-10
Y,P	US 6,249,767 B1 (OKAYAMA et al.) 19 June 2001 (19.06.2001) see col.17 lines 23-39.	1-10
<input type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. <input type="checkbox"/> See patent family annex.		
* Special categories of cited documents: "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance "E" earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art "&" document member of the same patent family		
Date of the actual completion of the international search 11 March 2002 (11.03.2002)		Date of mailing of the international search report 16 APR 2002
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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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Priority date (day/month/year)

PCT/US01/48054

01 November 2001 (01.11.2001)

01 November 2000 (01.11.2000)

Applicant

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.
4. **REMINDER**

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices)(Article 39(1))(see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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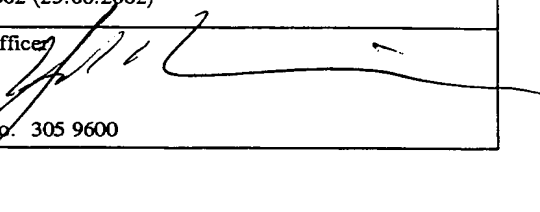
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/US01/48054	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 01 November 2001 (01.11.2001)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 01 November 2000 (01.11.2000)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): G06F 17/30 and US Cl.: 707/3; 709/224, 245		
Applicant SNAPNAMES.COM, INC.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>—</u> sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the reportII <input type="checkbox"/> PriorityIII <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicabilityIV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of inventionV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statementVI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents citedVII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international applicationVIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application		
Date of submission of the demand 30 May 2002 (30.05.2002)	Date of completion of this report 23 August 2002 (23.08.2002)	
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Form PCT/IPEA/409 (cover sheet)(July 1998)

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US01/48054

I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-14 _____ as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims:
pages 15 and 16 _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1-4 _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages NONE _____, as originally filed
pages NONE _____, filed with the demand
pages NONE _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-10 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a domain name acquisition having the step of receiving from a registry system a pending delete notification for the desired domain name, correlating the pending delete notification with requests from acquisition database, and to request acquisition of the desired domain name.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----